

CLAIMS

1. An information processing apparatus  
5 comprising:  
    a storage unit; and  
    a processing part which registers information  
    of the information processing apparatus by  
    transmitting to a first database of a registration  
10 center when a password input error is detected, and  
    stores transmission log information related to a  
    transmission to the registration center into said  
    storage unit.

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2. The information processing apparatus  
as claimed in claim 1, wherein said processing part  
includes means for transmitting to a second database  
of the registration center if the transmission log  
20 information is stored in said storage unit, and for  
making a system lock with respect to the information  
processing apparatus if the information related to  
the information processing apparatus is registered  
in the first database or the second database.

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3. The information processing apparatus  
as claimed in claim 2, wherein said processing part  
includes means for outputting a warning if the  
30 information related to the information processing  
apparatus is registered in the second database.

4. An information processing apparatus  
35 comprising:

    a processing part which searches a first  
    database of a registration center and registers

information related to a predetermined apparatus into a second database of the registration center if the information related to the predetermined apparatus is registered in the first database.

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5. The information processing apparatus  
as claimed in claim 4, wherein said processing part  
includes means for deleting the information related  
10 to the predetermined apparatus registered in the  
first database and/or the second database.

6. An information processing apparatus  
15 comprising:

a first database which registers information related to a first apparatus when notified of a password input error at the first apparatus, in response to a transmission from the first apparatus;

20           a second database which registers the  
information of the first apparatus when the  
information related to the first apparatus is  
notified from a second apparatus and the information  
related to the first apparatus is registered in said  
first database, in response to a transmission from  
the second apparatus; and

a processing part which controls registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

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7. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said processing part includes means for deleting the information related to the first apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information related to the first apparatus is

received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second apparatus.

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8. An information processing apparatus control method comprising:

10 a step which registers information of an information processing apparatus by transmitting to a first database of a registration center when a password input error is detected at the information processing apparatus, and stores transmission log information related to a transmission to the registration center within the information processing apparatus.

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9. The information processing apparatus control method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:

20 a step which transmits to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in the information processing apparatus, and makes a system lock with respect to 25 the information processing apparatus if the information related to the information processing apparatus is registered in the first database or the second database.

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10. The information processing apparatus control method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising:

35 a step which outputs a warning if the information related to the information processing apparatus is registered in the second database.

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11. An information processing apparatus control method comprising:

5 a step which searches a first database of a registration center and registers information related to a predetermined apparatus into a second database of the registration center if the information related to the predetermined apparatus is registered in the first database.

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12. The information processing apparatus control method as claimed in claim 11, further comprising:

15 a step which deletes the information related to the predetermined apparatus registered in the first database and/or the second database.

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13. An information processing apparatus control method comprising:

a step which registers information related to a first apparatus in a first database when notified of a password input error at the first apparatus, in response to a transmission from the first apparatus;

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a step which registers the information of the first apparatus in a second database when the information related to the first apparatus is notified from a second apparatus and the information related to the first apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second apparatus; and

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a step which controls registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

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14. The information processing apparatus

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control method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

a step which deletes the information related to the first apparatus from said first database and/or  
5 said second database when a request to delete the information related to the first apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second apparatus.

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15 15. The information processing apparatus control method as claimed in any one of claims 8 to 14, which is applied to a control program or an operating system of the information processing apparatus.

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16. A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to control access to a registration center, comprising:

means for causing the computer to register information of the computer by transmitting to a first database of the registration center when a password input error is detected, and for causing the computer to store transmission log information related to a transmission to the registration center.

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17. The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16, further comprising:

means for causing the computer to transmit to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in said storage unit, and for causing the computer to make a system lock with respect to the computer if the information related to the computer is registered in

the first database or the second database.

18. The computer-readable storage medium  
5 as claimed in claim 17, further comprising:

means for causing the computer to output a  
warning if the information related to the computer  
is registered in the second database.

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19. A computer-readable storage medium  
which stores a program for causing a computer to  
control access to a registration center, comprising:

means for causing the computer to search a  
15 first database of a registration center and register  
information related to a predetermined apparatus  
into a second database of the registration center if  
the information related to the predetermined  
apparatus is registered in the first database.

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20. The computer-readable storage medium  
as claimed in claim 19, further comprising:

means for causing the computer to delete the  
25 information related to the predetermined apparatus  
registered in the first database and/or the second  
database.

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21. A computer-readable storage medium  
which stores a program for causing a computer to  
control access to a registration center, comprising:

means for causing the computer to register  
information related to a first apparatus in a first  
35 database when notified of a password input error at  
the first apparatus, in response to a transmission  
from the first apparatus;

means for causing the computer to register the information of the first apparatus in a second database when the information related to the first apparatus is notified from a second apparatus and  
5 the information related to the first apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second apparatus; and  
means for causing the computer to control registration of information to and deletion of  
10 information from said first database and said second database.

22. The computer-readable storage medium  
15 as claimed in claim 21, further comprising:

means for causing the computer to delete the information related to the first apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information related to the  
20 first apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second apparatus.

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30 23. The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in any of one of claims 16 to 22, wherein said program forms a portion of a control program or an operating system of the information processing apparatus.